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Hello Mules:

Before you read any further in this letter, will you do something for me, please? This letter is going out to 741 men still, according to our records, in the service. I have reason to believe that some of you have come home and are out of uniform, and in the hustle and bustle of resuming your civilian status, you have neglected to notify the College of your return to civilian life. If YOU are in that category, won't you take a moment and grab the nearest postcard, sheet of paper, or anything you can lay your hands on, and drop me a line telling me that you are once again a free man. I'll appreciate it a great deal and it will help keep our records up to date. Just give me your name, the branch of the service in which you served, your last rank or rate, and the date of your discharge or separation from the service. Thanks a million for this information.

Of course, there will be a good many of you who cannot answer me in the above vein, because you are still sweating out your discharge date. But YOU can do something for me too, if you will. Perhaps you have noticed in recent letters, how scarce the news has been from men in service. The reason is that the letters have fallen off considerably in the past several months. Come on, gang, loosen up and drop me a line. Your friends want to hear from you, and so do I. After all, this is your letter and the more news I have from you, the more I can relay to others who are just as hungry for information as we are. So let's get out that pen or typewriter and send me some news, NOW. I'd particularly like to know of any men from 'Berg who participated in the recent atom bomb experiment or who are on occupation duty. Let's get on the ball, and give me some news.

Campus activities have again begun to buzz with the largest summer school enrollment in Muhlenberg's history. Prior to this year, the top enrollment we have had during the summer sessions, was 245. This summer 513 students (Yes, there are girls too) are studying and working toward their respective degrees. Many of these men are following the accelerated program, trying to make up for lost time, and they are doing a good job. The campus seems strange, too, since this is the first time for a good many years, that the sight of blue jackets is missing from our grounds. The last of the trainees left several days after commencement and the ship's company is winding up their affairs and will leave on the 15th of this month. When September arrives, the only service men seen on the campus will be visitors, for we will be back to a completely civilian enrollment. The student body will be more than twice the size of a normal pre-war figure, and we will be bending at the seams, but we'll be in there doing the usual good Muhlenberg job.

LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE PAUL MORENTZ '43 writes of his first sailing on the good ship, the "Trembling T". Paul and his crew didn't get very far before they were afflicted with rudder trouble and had to be towed back to port. But, a few days in drydock corrected that

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error, and they are now off for the sights of China, the Philippines, and points west. Read his letter in the next issue of the Alumni Magazine which will reach you shortly after the 15th.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS JACQUES RASSER '48 writes from the state of Washington where he is on duty with the Second Infantry Division. They are slated for California for extra training and Rasser says he won't mind that a bit, as Washington is a bit too rainy to suit his taste.

JERRY CORSE V44 was discharged from the Marine Corps last month. While he was at Bainbridge, sweating out the final discharge process, he ran into JIM PECK V44 and VIC BOCCARD '45, former Muhlenbergers. They are now happy civilians.

PAUL STOVER '44 is a chap that just doesn't waste any time. Discharged from the Marine Corps on June 3, he married Ensign Helen Phiel, a Navy nurse from York, Pennsylvania. Paul is located in York also.

THOMAS F. SMITH V45 has been honorably discharged from the Navy and is located at his home in Brooklyn, New York.

BOYD WALKER '44 just came in the office with the glad news that he no longer is limited in his choice of wardrobe. He was separated from the Navy as a lieutenant junior grade on June 26 and is now endeavoring to line up a law school opening for September.

RAY BRENNAN '35, ex Naval lieutenant, lost no time in getting back into politics, for he was elected Chairman of the Lehigh County Democratic party last month. Prior to his entry into the service, Ray had been president of the Young Democratic Club of Lehigh County, and has the experience necessary to do a good job in his present post.

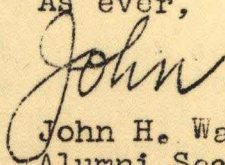
I had lunch the other day in the "famous" Kenny Konrad's Klassy Kollege Kommissary. Yes, it's still the same, don't worry. The juke box still drowns out ordinary conversation, the food is still good, when Kenny can get it, and the place hasn't changed a bit. Of course, you still take a certain amount of abuse from the clerks, but Kenny claims that he is only emulating the famous Toots Shor who has made himself famous copying Kenny. Know what I mean?

The training staff of the Athletic Association has been increased by the addition of Bill Breisch, former trainer at Allentown High School, who has had seventeen years experience working with athletes. Bill will have charge of the equipment and with the ever faithful, Scotty Renwick, will care for the needs of the men who will wear the Cardinal and Gray on the athletic field.

Ned Keiter is slowly losing his hair over his pet project, the construction of the G.I. housing which is being erected across the street from the campus, next to the A.T.O. house. Seriously, though, the project will be erected in the very near future and will provide housing accommodations for sixty men and twelve families. Additional units will be erected south of the ones now under construction and will provide dormitory accommodations for one hundred men and living space for twenty-five families.

And, so we come to the end of another letter. I am taking off for the annual convention of the American Alumni Council in Amherst, Massachusetts, where I hope to renew the springs of ideas for further alumni work. See you in two weeks, and meanwhile, send me your letters, NOW.

As ever,



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Alumni Secretary